

READY TO REPORT ON J. H. BOYD The Public Works Committee Finishes.

If the report of the committee which has been investigating the condition of the Public Works Department is finished this morning, it will be presented to the senate. The committee has finished its work of inquiry and all that remains is to bring the evidence into form for submission to that body. It is understood that there will be no minority report.

The other committees are still hard at work and there will be, it is thought, several days elapse before the reports will be ready for submission. The committees are making thorough investigations, and the Land Office committee, especially, are looking into various subjects which were aired before the commission of senators who spent October in looking into governmental conditions.

The matter of appointments is still hanging fire, and while it is said that no definite conclusion has been reached on any side, the opinion is freely expressed that everything will be settled to the complete satisfaction of both senators and executive. Conferences have been held between the Governor and members of the senate and the Republican committees and the outlook is for unanimous action upon the candidates submitted to the senate by the head of the executive department. Senator Crabbe and Committee member Carter spent an hour with the Governor yesterday and, while they would not divulge the results of their discussion, it was understood last evening that an appointment to the place made vacant by the removal of Auditor Austin may be expected at once. In fact, it may come to the senate today. The original intention was to await action on all the messages of the Governor, and then act on all the appointments. At once, but this has been abandoned and the outlook is that the vacancies will be filled as soon as they have been created by the joint action of the Senate and the Governor.

Governor Dole yesterday afternoon acted in the case of Auditor Austin. The recommendation of the Senate took such form that the Executive considered that the best course was to simply send formal notification to the former auditor that he had been separated from the office. The note conveyed this information in the briefest possible language.

The session of the Senate yesterday was brief and most formal, consisting of the reading of the minutes, with instructions to the clerk to insert in them the full report made by the various committees, and the reading of an acknowledgment by the secretary of the Governor of the receipt of the message concerning the appointments. The session adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

LEPER CHRISTMAS BOX PREPARING

A Christmas box will be sent to the lepers from the Hawaiian board rooms as was done in the year previous. But little time was given the people for last year's box, but over 300 packages of sweets and as many individual gifts, including marbles and tops, dolls and toys, dress goods, etc., were prepared and sent to the care of Rev. J. M. Naeole. The committee was careful not to send expensive or disproportionate gifts. It has been apt to be either a feast or a famine over in the leper settlement at Christmas time, and people's lavishness and their hearty desire to do something has frequently resulted in inappropriate and costly provision for a few. Clothing will be acceptable, if it is the kind which the wearer feels has still use in it. Toys of a simple character are always appropriate. Books for children, especially if they are not damaged so they have lost their attractiveness, will be gladly received. However, the most useful gift is in the form of money, which can readily be converted into lots of materials which storekeepers can sell in quantities at a reduction for such a cause. Moreover, it is the means of providing candy, etc., which must be paid for in cash. This box from the Hawaiian board rooms does not pretend to cover the whole ground. It simply goes through their agents there to the large Sunday Schools connected with the Kalawao and Kalaupapa churches.

Anything sent to rooms 400-402 Boston building, on or before Saturday, December 20, will be forwarded.

In an address before the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Lieut. Commander Niblack said: "A good many of the so-called cruisers on our list are little better than junk for our purposes, and they should be designed for scouting and auxiliary purposes. Such ships as we improvised in the war with Spain will not answer in the next war. It is to be regretted that we have not a regular building program of battleships, but that is hoping for too much foresight."

A son of Senator Clark of Montana has been arrested for bribery.

Cholera is spreading in Palestine.

WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

Amoy had an earthquake on the 19th. The great ship raised the price of rice.

House in the Russian imperial family is denied.

Nearly complete returns give Pardee 2784 plurality.

President Laubert is likely to visit the United States.

The King of Portugal is a guest of King Edward.

Carmen's fight for the speakership is considered won.

At Resht, Persia, 200 persons were burned to death.

Marie Dressler, the actress, is dying of acute gastritis.

The Alameda mole depot has been destroyed by fire.

P. K. Lane has decided not to contest Pardee's election.

Sharp earthquake shocks were felt in Utah on the 17th.

Dr. Henry Churchill King is the new President of Oberlin.

Etta Butler, the California artist, is ill with typhoid fever.

Sailors from the training ship Hartford rioted at Madeira.

Mr. Sharette has been appointed parliamentary secretary to Canada.

Col. Penn, once Governor of Louisiana, died at New Orleans.

Royal assent has been given to all the Yorkshire tube railroad bills.

The wife of Roland B. Molyneux is in Sioux Falls, seeking a divorce.

The coronation festivities in London were followed by a wave of crime.

Col. Joan Bradbury of Los Angeles has secured a divorce from his wife.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, London, is critically ill.

Louis Gerstle of San Francisco, has been prostrated by an attack of paralysis.

Wilczek, the violinist, has had a notable success in concert in San Francisco.

Anthony Flata, an artist, will lead the next Baldwin expedition to the Arctic.

Armour's entire packing plant at Sioux City, covering four acres, has burned.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, leader of the Social Purity movement in London, is dead.

George Alfred Henty, the author and former war correspondent, is dead in London.

Joseph Chamberlain says the government hopes to build a united nation in South Africa.

Cholera is increasing in Manila and it is feared the water supply may become infected.

John Bell Bouton, for thirty years editor of the New York Journal of Commerce, is dead.

Andrew Carnegie and family were poisoned in Switzerland by eating contaminated food.

The movement among university students in Germany against pistol duels is gaining ground.

The President returned from his hunting trip in Mississippi, without having shot a bear.

The Kaiser is said to have failed in his efforts to bring about an alliance with Great Britain.

Chinese, controlling two-thirds of the San Joaquin valley (Cal.) potato crop, have formed a trust.

The remains of Christopher Columbus have finally been deposited in the cathedral at Seville.

The adopted son of Mrs. Tingley has left Point Loma in an attempt to find out his real parentage.

Vice Governor Wright of the Philippines, was given a great reception at Manila, his home town.

Mrs. Tingley has closed the entrances to her Point Loma institution to keep out the agents of the Children's Society.

Native Samoans have formed a co-operative company, purchased a cutter and will trade under the United States flag.

Kier Hardie, M. P., was arrested in Brussels on suspicion of being connected with the attempt to kill King Leopold.

A controversy has arisen over the claim of the neurologist of Cornell University for the brains of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

An alleged converted anarchist of Hoboken says he knows of an assassin having been chosen three separate times to kill Roosevelt.

Lord Roberts refuses to pay £1000 court fees for his decoration of Knight of the Garter and has not been admitted into full fellowship.

Mine owners near Tombstone have moved the international boundary monument three quarters of a mile to get their property into the United States.

Bishop Potter returned the \$150 got for his 35-minute lecture in Dutch, having learned that the audience was disappointed over its quality and quantity.

The rumor of King Leopold's coming abdication is denied. Princess Stephanie, his exiled daughter, telegraphed congratulations over his escape from death.

Rev. Dr. James C. Humes, pastor of a prominent Dutch Reformed church in Brooklyn, has been forced to resign owing to his opposition to open-work history.

Rubino, the assailant of King Leopold, is known to the police as an advanced Socialist. He attacked the King because of that monarch's treatment of his daughter.

As a couple were about to be wedded in Elizabeth, N. J., the bride's shoe became unloosed and on the discovery by the bridegroom that she wore openwork stockings, he refused to marry her.

Carrie Nation invaded the home show in New York, denounced the Vanderbilts and other fashionable people to their faces and broke up a wine party in the cafe. She was ejected by the police.

There are reports, not generally believed, that the Bogota lost thirty officers and men in its fight with the insurgents at Chitre. One account reduces the mortality to twenty. The vessel is still at Panama.

King Oscar decided the Samoan case in favor of Germany on every point. He blames England and the United States for all the trouble and declares they were not justified in using force as lives were not in peril.

ASHES FELL OVER WIDESPREAD AREAS

Sensational Stories From the Scene of the Volcanic Eruption in the Rich Coffee Districts of the Guatemalan Republic.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 20.—With the arrival of the steamer City of Para from the Central American coast comes the details of the great devastation wrought by the volcano of Rosario, in Guatemala, and the resultant loss of life and destruction of millions of dollars worth of property. Even as Nero fiddled while Rome burned, Governor Cabrera is accused of feasting while death and ruin stalked abroad in the department of Quezaltenango.

While thousands of people were being rendered homeless and were suffering for the necessities of life; while they were appealing to the Governor and to the American minister for aid, nothing was done by either official to relieve the distress of either natives or Americans. It is said that Governor Cabrera not only refused to send relief to the stricken district, but that he placed a censorship on all news in order to prevent information of the disaster being given to the world.

In the vicinity of the volcano of Rosario, which is a small cone lying at the foot of Santa Maria, all the coffee fincas are covered with ashes, mud and stones to a depth of from six to twenty feet, and the loss of property is complete, as the plantations cannot be recovered. Thousands of acres of rich land now lie an arid waste, totally irreclaimable.

The loss of life among the Indians in the vicinity may run into the thousands, but it is said that no foreigners were killed. Houses were crushed by the weight of stones and ashes, and all vegetation was so utterly destroyed that live stock is perishing by thousands.

PORTO BARIOS (Guatemala), November 17.—A message received here today from Guatemala City states that another eruption of Santa Maria volcano occurred last night. The eruption was preceded by an incandescent flame from the crater, which could be seen hundreds of miles.

This was followed by a terrific explosion which caused the buildings of Guatemala City to tremble to their foundations. The eruption is described as more violent than any that had previously occurred, and it is believed that every living thing within a radius of twenty miles of the volcano has been destroyed.

PANAMA, November 17.—Passengers from Central America who arrived here yesterday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding the volcano of Santa Maria, province of Quezaltenango.

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of Quezaltenango, Guatemala, in consequence of the recent eruption. The adjacent villages, the rich coffee plantations, with over \$300,000 worth of coffee stored in bags, and hundreds of lives, were lost. Refugees are arriving at the port of Champerio. Over 200 fugitives sailed for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific Mail steamer.

The exchange is rising by leaps, and now stands at 1,200 per cent, without buyers.

The strict censorship which has been established in Guatemala makes it impossible to get the exact news regarding the situation there. The port of Puerto Barrios is reported to have been closed. No mails have arrived here from Guatemala.

SAN JOSE, November 16.—William Halla, a native of Pluma de Hidalgo, Guatemala, who is the owner of a coffee store in this city, has received a letter from his brother, who owns a coffee plantation in Guatemala, 600 miles from the craters of Santa Maria. In it he describes the phenomena attending the eruption of the volcano as seen at that distance. Clinders, after passing over the intervening range of mountains from 3,500 to 4,000 feet high, fell till the entire surface of the country was covered to a depth of three inches. The clinder storm lasted a day and a night. The sun was completely obscured, and objects could not be discerned at a distance of a few rods. The Indians employed on the Halla plantation thought that the end of the world had come. The atmosphere was exceedingly chilly, and the storm spread terror in its wake.

NEW YORK, November 21.—A special to the Sun from New Orleans says: News comes from Porto Barrios that refugees who have arrived there from Western Guatemala report a terrible state of affairs as the result of the eruption of Santa Maria volcano. The country for a radius of over thirty miles has been laid waste and all life destroyed.

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